

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on February 3, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. in the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Mickey Read, Scott Carlson & Tim Drenth; Surveyor - Chris Knochel; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Dirt Diggers - Brent Skrzekut; VS Engineering – Randy Strasser & Amy Moore; Landowners – John Wunderink, Tom Render, Sam & Charlie Kennedy and others.**

The meeting was opened by Mickey.

Tim made a motion for Deb to continue as Drainage Board Secretary, Mickey second, motion carried 3-0.

Hearings – Haynes Tile – Public comment received. Tim motioned to assess Haynes Tile @ \$7.00/ac. with \$25.00 minimum per year for 8 years and to accept the LiDAR watershed. Scott second. Motion carried 3-0.
Brunton-Decker – Public comment received. Scott motioned to extend the length of assessment to 8 years at \$1.17/ac. with \$25.00 minimum per year and to accept the LiDAR watershed. Tim second. Motion carried 3-0.
Thorpe-Beagley-Chizum – Public comment received. Tim motioned to increase the assessment to \$14.00/ac with \$25.00 minimum per year for a length of 8 years and to accept the LiDAR watershed. Scott second. Motion carried 3-0.
Mary Spidler Open Lateral – Public comment received. Scott made motion to accept the LiDAR watershed and to assess \$3.00/ac. with a \$25.00 minimum per year. Tim second. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes – January 6, 2020 – Tim motioned to accept minutes, Scott second, approved 3-0. Minutes signed.

DNR Properties Report – Mike Schoof was not in attendance. No discussion.

Bid Opening – Fleckenstine Tile #577 – Surveyor estimate \$13,694.72; Dirt Diggers Excavating \$23,485.00; Heartland Excavating \$11,850.00. Scott motioned to accept bid from Heartland in amount of \$11,850.00 as long as it meets specifications. Tim second, motion carried 3-0.
Denham Subdivision Lateral #705 – Surveyor estimate \$7,414.00; Dirt Diggers Exc. \$4,490.00; Watkins & Assoc. \$9,800.00; Anderson Tree Service \$9,023.00; Heartland Exc. \$7,540.00. Tim motioned to accept the bid from Dirt Diggers in the amount of \$4,490.00 as long as it meets specs. Scott second, motion carried 3-0.
Kurfess Kleinkort #734 – Surveyor estimate \$5,164.50; Dirt Diggers \$9,420.00; Geri & Steves Carpentry \$5,800.00; Heartland Exc \$4,665.00. Scott made a motion to accept the bid from Heartland Excavating in the amount of \$4,665.00 as long as it meets specs. Tim second, motion carried 3-0.

Certification to Collect Assessments – Hibler System 2011 (LiDAR) #716 – Not addressed at this time.

Kent Main Tile Report – Amy Moore, VS Engineering – VS Engineering was asked to work on survey, design & permit on Kent Main north of US 24 to just south of the railroad. Chris reported this project was prompted in 2018 with the flooding and that Charlie Dyer is the one primarily affected. This tile is not assessed. It was mentioned that INDOT is changing the way work is done in their ROW's. Deb is to send Amy the information that was received from INDOT. Chris stated this would be a reconstruction and therefore assessed for 8 years. Tim requested a surveyors report along with a LiDAR watershed for the next meeting. Scott second, motion carried 3-0. Mickey motioned to table agreement with VS Engineering, Tim second, carried 3-0.

Haynes Tile Report – Amy Moore, VS Engineering – Tim made a motion to proceed with the Haynes Tile Reconstruction project agreement with VS Engineering in the amount of \$37,600.00, Scott second, motion carried 3-0.

Surveyor’s Reports – Best Ditch - Chris reported this project will entail working from one side and that the immediate concern is the small tree removal. **Scott called for a LiDAR watershed for the next meeting so that a hearing can be scheduled. Tim second, motion carried 3-0.** **Chemical Maintenance –** The surveyor reported the county was split into two parts this year, north and south. Estimates will be based upon acreage as well as length in order to include areas of ditch banks and easements. **Hibler Outlet – John Wunderink –** Chris mentioned that the watershed has increased in size at the outlet end. John wants to clean, dip and maintain the ditch through his property and Mr. Kingma will do the same through his property in lieu of assessments. The board discussed the same. **Tim made a motion to waive assessments on all John Wunderink and Eddie (Patricia) Kingma properties within the Hibler watershed. Mickey seconded the motion, Scott opposed. Motion carried 2-1.** Such parcels expected to be: #56-05-11-200-005.000-013, 56-05-11-200-007.001-013, 56-05-11-200-008.001-013, 56-05-11-200-006.000-013, 56-05-11-200-008.000-013, 56-05-11-200-004.000-013, 56-05-11-200-004.001-013, 56-05-11-200-004.002-013 and 56-05-11-100-003.000-013. **VC Borklund Tiles –** The surveyor reported there were laterals found that were not connected to the main.

DeHaan Ditch – History will be researched for transactions over the past couple years. The numbers will be gathered and a report given to the board at a later time.

BLN Invoice – Darroch \$859.85 – Mickey made a motion to pay BLN invoice #62501 in the amount of \$859.85 with a second from Scott. Motion carried 3-0.

Standard Specifications – The surveyor briefly reviewed the changes he had made to the standard specs on pages, 5, 6, 7 and 9.

2020 Kankakee River Basin Long Range Plan – Surveyor Knochel presented the 2020 Kankakee River Basin Long Range Plan to the board. **Tim made a motion to accept the plan with a second by Scott. Motion carried 3-0.**

Other Matters – Deb mentioned she was notified by the auditor, that the \$10,000 check had been received from the landfill per the “Good Neighbor Agreement” and deposited into Landfill Drainage Fund 4906.

Tim motioned to adjourn with second from Scott. Meeting adjourned.

Mickey Read, Chrm

Scott Carlson

Tim Drenth